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O P 270905Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7414
AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE
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CINCUSNAVAUR, COMSIXTHFLT, EUCOM, USDOCOSOUTH ALSO PASS POLADS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, ENRG, TS, LY, IT
SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE: DRILLING
BY READING AND BATES

REF: (A) VALLETTA 0595, (B) PARIS 15376,

1. READING AND BATES OFFICIAL NOTIFIED EMBASSY AT 0930
THIS MORNING THAT RIG "J.W. BATES" REACHED PROPOSED
DRILLING SITE APPROXIMATELY 2000 ON MAY 26. LATEST
REPORT FROM RIG INDICATES "LOTS OF INDIANS BUT ALL
FRIENDLY", INTERPRETED BY SAME SOURCE TO MEAN THAT A
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NUMBER OF LIBYAN VESSELS ARE IN VICINITY. HE ADDED
THAT NO RPT NO TUNISIAN VESSELS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED.

2. FRENCH EMBASSY CONTACTED EMBOFF MAY 26 TO INQUIRE
ABOUT THE "J.W. BATES", SPECIFICALLY THE DEPARTURE SCHEDULE.
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Message Attributes

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